

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

Claims 1-36 were previously pending and under consideration.

Claims 1-36 are allowed.

Claims 1-26 are amended herein.

No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry are respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

The claims are amended to remove means-for language to clarify that 35 U.S.C. § 112, sixth paragraph, is not applicable. The claims are not narrowed. Furthermore, because 35 U.S.C. § 112, sixth paragraph was not relied on when examining the claims, no new search or consideration should be necessary.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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